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No major ground combat occurred along Phnom Penh's southern defense line on January 31 as both sides were again content to trade mortar and artillery fire.

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Four rockets hit the capital

yesterday, however. Southeast of the city, Cambodian Army units are moving into position to begin sweep operations against insurgent elements near Route 1 and the Bassac River. Communist mortar crews yesterday shelled Phnom Penh's southern suburb of Takhmau from positions on the Bassac's east Bank.

A Communist attack outside the provincial capital of Takeo caused some government defenders to withdraw from their positions. A counterattack by reinforced Cambodian Army units failed to regain the lost ground.

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